

REMARKS

Claims 3-18 are pending in the present application. New claims 17 and 18 have been added herein.

Further to the Notice of Allowance mailed on January 19, 2006, Applicant submits this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.117, which accompanies the filing of an RCE.

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution of this case could be expedited through a telephone interview, he is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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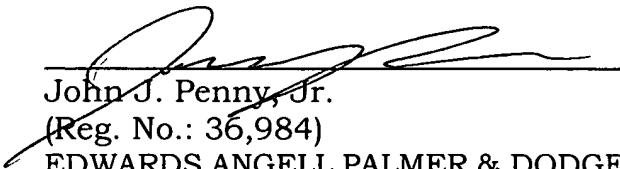
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Applicant believes that no additional fees are due for the subject application. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Respectfully Submitted,

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